Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota ranks first in entrepreneurial friendliness according to the Small Business Survival Foundation; and,

Whereas, Sixty to eighty percent of jobs created throughout the United States in the past decade have come from the creative efforts of entrepreneurs and small businesses; and,

Whereas, Entrepreneurs have been the source of economic innovation throughout the history of the nation, and the entire society has been improved because of the new ways of doing things that have been brought about by people who commercialize their innovations; and,

Whereas, Economically independent entrepreneurs are engaged citizens who work to improve the economic environment in their local communities, providing better opportunities for businesses to operate, and a better environment for the human resources needed to advance their business dreams; and,

Whereas, Seventy percent of high school students want to become entrepreneurs and entrepreneurial skills will assist students in the future regardless of whether they work in a business owned by others, or run their own business; and,

Whereas, Developing entrepreneurial knowledge, attitudes, and skills through a variety of entrepreneurial activities and experiences prepares future entrepreneurs:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 20-26, 2012, as

ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State